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## THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

From the viewpoint of mineral prospects, the outlook for Jackson was perhaps never brighter than at present. With the increased milling capacity of the Kennedy, the Zeila in better trim for active mining than at any period in its history, equipped for a long run without the need of a shut-down for repairs; the Argonaut litigation at an end, and nothing interfering to prevent the early resumption of operations on that rich property; with the Oneida on a fair business basis, and likely to continue on the active list for a long time to come; with rumors of the Alma and Moore starting up in the near future, if circumstances justify, the future of Jackson ought to be especially bright at this juncture. And it would be so, were it not for the dark specter of labor agitation introduced into this region. This is the shadow that falls across our pathway, and unless lifted, and that speedily, will continue to mar the prospects of the camp. The fact is patent to all, that depression of the mining industry means the paralysis of business generally. A shrinkage of mining activity means a shrinkage in every department of trade. It means a reduction of population; a diminution in the sum paid out for wages, and a corresponding reduction in the purchasing power available for necessities and luxuries. As far as numerical strength is concerned, the labor-union cause does not amount to much. The same may be truthfully said of the material which comprises the backbone of the movement. It represents no property interests of consequence; those who have contributed by the investment of capital and the selection of this locality for the building of their homes, are not identified with it to any appreciable extent. Many of these have their all of worldly goods at stake; they expect Jackson to be their abiding place in the future as in the past; they are content with the conditions that have prevailed here, and the unsettlement of those conditions fills them with misgivings. We yield to no one in our desire for the fullest measure of prosperity for the wage-earners. Their prosperity means the prosperity of all classes. We know also that they cannot be prosperous with capitalists dissatisfied and manifesting a disposition to contract their enterprises. This is unquestionably the feeling that prevails in investing circles to-day. We are already feeling the effect of this state of affairs. We shall feel it still more if it continues. We believe, come what may, there will be no strike in Jackson. By that we mean there will be no long-drawn-out struggle between the forces of labor and the employers of labor here. At the first blush of an open rupture, two or three of our principal mines would simply come to a dead standstill. If that comes to pass, there is no telling when they will be re-opened. Low grade propositions, such as the mines here, will not justify the vast outlay involved in reopening after a long period of idleness. The old Eureka, shut down by fire 25 years ago, with pay ore at the bottom, has remained closed. Capital hesitates to venture heavily in reopening mines which have barely paid expenses. Now in the situation that confronts us, it behoves every business man to take a decisive stand. It remains with them in a great measure to settle this matter. It is no time to please both sides for fear of losing a little patronage. While wishing the mine-workers well, let them show a solid front for the continuance of work at the mines. They can show that their sympathies are not with the agitators. In this way, they will hold up the hands of the operators, and moral encouragement goes a long way in a crisis like this. Show a kindly feeling toward the laboring men by telling them to quit their foolishness and go back to their work. No doubt they can get work if they will simply cease plottings which the mine owners interpret as masked threats against their interests. This, in our humble opinion, is the only path of safety. In the face of a common danger, let us lay aside all party differences, and boldly and unitedly face the issue.

## COMMUNICATION.

JACKSON, March 31, 1903.  
Editor of Amador Ledger:—In the column dedicated to the local mining news of your last issue, you point to the Bunker Hill as an example of what you refer to as "timidity of capital to invest in mining operations in the face of the possibility of labor trouble, no matter how remote." This property, you add, has been developed to the point that the erection of a twenty stamp mill was decided upon by the board of directors at their last meeting, but owing to the unsettled condition in labor circles word was sent to a firm in San Francisco to whom an order had been given for that number of stamps, to hold the order in abeyance pending further instructions, and so forth. I infer that you derived your notion of said timidity of capital from a direct source, that is, from the directors themselves. Now sir, being one of the many only modestly interested in the development of the Bunker Hill mine I beg leave to make a few remarks on the aforesaid statement.

I am not a sympathizer with either the agitators of the labor or the agitators of the capital question concerning mining affairs in this state. Both agitations in my estimation, seem to be born out of a wrong departure from a moral sense of justice, and the measures of expediency to be fostered, merely by an unwarranted apprehension on the part of the other. But to come down to the subject. Why, may I ask, the Bunker Hill particularly should concern itself with the labor question? And why not the Fremont, the Keystone, the Kennedy, and many other mining operations equally concerned in the success of their enterprise underground?

The Bunker Hill Consolidated Mining Company is incorporated with a capital stock of 200,000 shares at the par value of \$1 per share. A few prominent citizens, well known in financial and political circles of this county, were the promoters of said incorporation. They paid for the property about \$30,000. They had reserved for themselves and their intimate friends something over 100,000 shares of the so-called paid up stock, with the understanding that the other 100,000 shares should be floated in the market for investment by people of modest means on the installment plan, for the purpose of raising the needed funds to develop the mine and bring it to a paying basis. The investors in this working stock, who, with few exceptions, are persons of modest means, have contributed out of their earnings at a sacrifice sometimes of their comfort and the comfort of their families, the sum of \$115,000 for its development up to date. They have exerted their patience and good nature during almost four years, in the anxious expectation of realizing a legitimate return on their investment. The capital already invested, the time and labor already expended in the development of said mine, by any conservative mining expert would be considered ample to establish with a degree of certainty whether within that spot of the mother lode there is a mine or not, and it has been stated that there is one. Mean while the promoters have contributed so far for their paid-up stock, consisting of 100,000 shares, the sum of \$15,000, that is, besides the price paid for the mine and other items. They have had an easy time all along, and never worried themselves for a single day of their life, for they knew they had a mine and a good one.

Do you mean to say Mr. Editor, that these gentlemen would bring forth to us now such a silly pretext as "the timidity of capital to invest in mining operations in the face of the possibility of labor trouble no matter how remote?" I cannot believe possible that these able and worthy representatives of the mining interest of our county would make such a usage of their trust. This alleged fear that our mining work could be disturbed by a few demagogues or idealistic fools, strangers to our community, who are not concerned in our affairs, and could do no harm whatsoever if we did not want them in our midst, would only tend to raise a very serious comment upon the directors of said mine by other parties equally interested. I hope this is merely a joke of the editor of the Ledger. The labor agitation! What in the world has capital to contend with the labor question in these mountains, where the whole community itself having the welfare of the mining industry at heart, pushes the wheel. Labor agitation! Indeed some legitimate question may arise anywhere in manufacturing and industrial centers upon which sometimes the laboring class has had, and may yet have, the right to demand a redress for suffered abuses, such demand may be highly justified in their connection with a set of employers, who by mere chance may rise to power and wealth, and have the inclination to oppress the poor. There are besides legitimate questions to be also considered, such as the inviolable right that a man has to engage his labor, his learning, and his capital for furthering the progress and prosperity of himself, his country and his fellowmen, without being hampered or molested. But no such questions are at stake here, that I know of. Our community is made up of mixed elements, besides the mine-workers, of the various unassuming arts and trades, all peacefully pursuing their work for the acquirement of their home comfort and happiness. There is no dissension between capital and labor here. Good miners fare quite often on a better and more steady income than the highly learned professional man. Small petty questions of personal prejudice and social ostracism are the only few incidents in routine life in these mountains. They emigrate mostly in small places, where emulation by well-meaning people in doing good is hindered by a lacking comfort and steadiness in certain. But steadiness in earning will certainly not be attained here by either capital or labor agitations. Prosperity and happiness in our community do not arise alone from having a supply of men fully willing to engage in mining, but from solving the problem to have something to mine. And this something even when traced somewhere is an incognita,

seldom having the characteristics of steadiness and equal regularity in its output. Hence it is out of the question for any demand from labor here based upon a regularity and steadiness of earning. On my part I would suggest that prominent representatives of the mining and political interests of Amador county should be less concerned over the phantom of the labor question, and train their mind instead on a broad view of their social relations in a community of people who have surely contributed their part to their elevation. The business intrusted to them, or which they may have assumed by their self exertion, is also the business of the people of this county, and an element undesirable and obstructive should intrude among our peaceful workers, and spread dissension between employers and employed, or bring forth unreasonable demands, it will be an easy matter for the employers to dispose of them forthwith, as the whole community will lend its full support in clearing the county of such an element. But we need not to hear of the timidity of capital and of the keeping in abeyance of needed improvements in a property where capital has been invested not only by the employers, but by the people in general interested in it.

DR. E. V. LONIGO.  
[While not agreeing with all the views in the foregoing article, we are pleased to publish it as indicative of the ruling sentiment in regard to hampering our main industry by professional agitators.—ED.]

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J. C. Chapman, Toledo, O.



